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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

DR. P. LAVIS, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

(The Medical Officer of Health is also M.O.H. for the Borough of Buckingham, the Urban Districts of Bletchley and Wolverton, and the Rural Districts of Buckingham, Newport Pagnell and Winslow; Area Medical Officer for North Bucks. and Divisional School Medical Officer for the North Bucks. Division and Buckingham and Winslow Districts).

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

DR. J.P. HUTCHBY, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND HOUSING MANAGER

R. PICKFORD, Cert. S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I. (from November)

Council Offices,
60a High Street,
Newport Pagnell.

May, 1968.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1967.

Vital Statistics

The figures call for no comment as there is little change from previous years.

Infectious Diseases

Apart from the expected measles epidemic, the year was singularly quiet. With an adequate measles vaccine now available and official approval for its widespread use, one hopes to see the regular epidemic becoming less severe and eventually a thing of the past.

Health Education

While a wide variety of health topics are publicized and discussed, each year a particular theme is emphasized. The theme for 1967 was 'Prevention of Cancer'. Special use was made of Mothers Clubs to link this with the opening of L.H.A. cervical cytology clinics in North Bucks. These clinics, together with the service provided by General Practitioners should enable all women in the 'high risk' groups to undergo testing.

Staffing

The Public Health Department, for the first time a separate department had a most difficult year. From the beginning it had no Inspector, then in May, Mr. J.Y. Anderson occupied the post for two months, leaving a vacancy unfilled until November when Mr. R. Pickford took office. During the intervals we were helped by the Inspectors from Newport Pagnell Rural District Council and Wolverton Urban District Council whom I would like to thank. Fortunately Mr. Pickford is an experienced Inspector who will have a great deal of backlog to pick up, especially in matters relating to property fitness, food hygiene and the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act.

I am, your obedient servant

P. LAVIS

Medical Officer of Health

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SECTION A

GENERAL STATISTICS

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Area (in acres)	3,432	3,432
Population	5,470	5,500
Number of Inhabited Houses	2,036	1,995
Rateable Value	£266,186	£260,838
Rate Per Pound	12/3	11/8
Product of a ld. rate	£1121	£1055

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

Legitimate (Males)	46	45
Legitimate (Females)	52	45
Illegitimate (Males)	4	1
Illegitimate (Females)	1	1
Stillbirths	2	0
Birth rate per 1,000 pop. (Adjusted)	23.5	21.0
Birth rate per 1,000 pop. (Bucks.)	18.1	18.9
Birth rate per 1,000 pop. (England & Wales)	17.2	17.7

Deaths

Males	47	43
Females	53	68
Death rate per 1,000 pop. (Adjusted)	8.9	9.3
Death rate per 1,000 pop. (Bucks)	8.9	9.2
Death rate per 1,000 pop. (Eng. & W.)	11.2	11.7
Maternal Mortality	NIL	NIL
Infant Mortality (Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births)	NIL	21.7 (2 deaths)
Infant Mortality (Bucks)	15.7	15.9
Infant Mortality (England & Wales)	18.3	19.0

Principal Causes of Death

	<u>1967</u>			<u>1966</u>		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Cancer: Stomach	3	2	5	1	0	1
Lung, Bronchus	3	0	3	1	1	2
Other	5	3	8	5	6	11
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	10	15	4	14	18
Heart Diseases	18	21	39	9	20	29
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	2	3	2	3	5
Pneumonia	5	9	14	13	13	26
Bronchitis	1	1	2	4	1	5
Accidents	0	3	3	2	3	5
All other causes	6	2	8	2	7	9
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	47	53	100	43	68	111
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SECTION B

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

1. AMBULANCE SERVICE

Administered by the Bucks. County Council, Main North Bucks. Station at Bletchley.

2. HOSPITALS

Under the Oxford Regional Hospital Board, General Hospitals at Northampton Bedford and Aylesbury. Outpatient facilities available at Wolverton and Bletchley. Newport Pagnell - Westbury (Maternity) and Renny Lodge (Geriatric)

3. PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

Northampton.

4. HEALTH VISITOR

Miss S. Poole (Telephone: Wolverton 2320)

Area Superintendent: Mrs. D.F. Marett at the Area Health Offices, Bletchley (Tel: Bletchley 4701)

5. DISTRICT NURSES / MIDWIVES

Work with General Practitioners. Area Superintendent Mrs. O.M. Riley at Area Health Office, Bletchley.

6. SOCIAL WORKERS

(Medical, Welfare, Blind, Mental Health) at Area Health Office, Bletchley
Area Social Worker : Mr. P.K. Smith.

7. HOME HELP SERVICE

Area Organiser: Mrs. H.R.L. Sephton at Area Health Offices, Bletchley.
(1968 - Mrs. A. Kay)

SECTION B

8. CHILD WELFARE CLINIC

Congregational School Room, High Street, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month at 2.00 p.m.

9. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Administered from the Area Health Office. This includes arrangements for examination of pupils in accordance with the Education Act 1944, ascertainment of handicapped pupils and carrying out or arranging treatment. The child guidance and dental clinics under this service are situated at Whalley Drive, Bletchley. Vaccination and Immunisation against Diptheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus Polio and Tuberculosis is undertaken.

SECTION C

NOTIFICATIONS

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Measles	107	4
Food Poisoning (Salmonella)	-	3
Scarlet Fever	2	6
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	5
Dysenterery (Sonne)	1	-
Tuberculosis	1	1

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SECTION D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. WATER SUPPLY

The town has continued to be served with water by the Bucks. Water Board from the Ash Hill and Foxcote sources. No flouride is added to the water.

No restrictions were imposed on the use of the public water supply for domestic and trade purposes for the year.

It is estimated that 2,033 houses with a population of 5,460 are supplied with water from the public mains direct to the houses. 3 houses with a population of 10 people are not supplied with mains water.

2. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A. SEWERAGE

The length of sewer in the Wolverton Road and Caldecote Street area has proved to be inadequate and surcharges at times. Money has been provided in the estimates for the purpose of providing a larger sewer to this area. The length of sewer in the Priory Street / Tickford Street area also displayed a lack of capacity at times of excess flow.

The sewage works improvements and extensions under phase one were completed during the year. Phase 2,3 & 4 which include the provision of a new pumping station and sewerage scheme in Wolverton Road and Lakes Lane await a final decision as to the siting of the pumping station.

During 1967 a new river crossing was constructed to serve the new estate development and work to relieve the Priory Street / Tickford Street area was also carried out.

B. SEWAGE DISPOSAL

In December 1967 means of disposal were inadequate but work was in progress as mentioned above, and completion was expected by April, 1968. The extension scheme for the disposal works was limited to a 5 year period from 1966, in order to allow for additional factors such as the development of the new city of Milton Keynes to be taken into account.

3. REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

During the year two new housing estates and a block of Council flats have been provided with paper sacks but the intended extension of the scheme has been delayed.

Transport continues to be provided by one Shelvoke and Drewery fore and aft tipper with back loading attachments for business premises. In addition the Karrier side loader refuse collection vehicle provides extra transport when required.

The life of the existing tip at Willen Road is limited to a 2 to 2½ year period, new proposals are to be considered during the coming year.

SECTION E

HOUSING ACT

1. NEW DWELLINGS

During the year 42 new Council dwellings were completed comprising 11 dwellings on the Whitethorns Estate and 31 units of accommodation for old people at Tickford Street. This accommodation is provided with a communal hall and warden service. The complete unit consists of 28 one bed. flats and 11 bed-sitters. It has been found that elderly people do not readily accept bed-sitter accommodation and the inclusion of such accommodation in any future scheme should be questioned. The provision of further 3 storey flats should also be queried, applications for transfer have been received from tenants with children who occupy 1st and 2nd floor flats.

2. UNFIT PROPERTIES

It has been the practice of the Council to deal with unfit properties by the acceptance of informal undertakings. The effect of this has been for an increasing number of properties to stand vacant and become derelict, consideration should be given to following formal procedure as laid down in the Housing Act.

The large number of empty and derelict properties in the town gives cause for concern, they provide a harbourage for vermin, a site for rubbish, and create an atmosphere of neglect and depression. The problem is aggravated by prospective road development schemes envisaged by the Bucks. County Council but which appear to have no firm date of commencement. The situation could continue for some considerable time and become increasingly worse unless some vigorous action is taken by both Local and County Authorities. A greater pride in the appearance of our surroundings seems to be called for.

3. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

7 Standard Improvement Grants and 7 Discretionary Improvement grants were approved during 1967. Improvement grants are administered by the Surveyor's Department.

SECTION F

1. OFFICES, SHOP & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

At the end of the year there were 88 premises registered with this Council under the Act. No detailed inspections have been carried out during the year due to the fact that the Council had no Public Health Inspector for 8 months. It is intended to concentrate on inspections under this Act in the new year.

The analysis of persons employed in these premises were as follows:-

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>Number of Premises</u>	<u>Persons Employed</u>
Offices	21	119
Shops	51	280
Warehouses	1	8
Catering Establishments	4	311*
Fuel Storage Depots	1	6
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T O T A L	78	724
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Total Males 287 Total Females 437

*Includes Motorway Service Area.

2. FOOD HYGIENE

Towards the end of the year it was possible for a start to be made on the inspection of food premises, these inspections revealed that the general standard of hygiene left much to be desired and in several instances the structure of the buildings fell short of requirements. During 1968 it is intended to pay greater attention to this problem and the possibility of a food hygiene course for the staffs concerned is being considered.

Food Retailers within the Urban District

Grocers	14
Greengrocers	3
Sweets & Confectionary	12
Catering Establishments	7

Food Retailers within the Urban District cont.

Butchers	5
Sausage & cooked meat manufacturers	5
Bakehouses	2
Fried Fish Shop	1
Milk Distributors	3
Licensed Premises	15
Canteens	4
Food Factories	1
Sale of ice cream (including 1 manufacturer)	21

3. POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

4. UN SOUND FOOD

Very little food stuff was surrendered during the year and that taken comprised of:-

Meat & Meat Products 10 lbs.

5. MEAT INSPECTION

There are no slaughterhouses within the Urban District but towards the end of the year arrangements were made to convey carcasses affected with Cysticercus Bovis, slaughtered at the Bedford Meat Company's Slaughterhouse in the Kempston Urban District, to the cold store of Messrs. Fleet, 61 High Street, Newport Pagnell. This has necessitated the checking of the carcasses into and out of the cold store and the stamping of the meat in accordance with the Regulations.

6. CARAVAN SITE

In June, 1967 a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre plot of land adjoining the River Ouse was let by the Council to the Caravan Club Limited, as a site for 35 touring caravans. The site is exempt from the provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act and is provided with a water supply, disposal points for chemical closets, firepoints and means for disposing of waste water. A 9 ft. wide road circles the site. Although the site is intended primarily for club members a condition has been included in the tenancy agreement that non-members shall be accommodated when necessary.

7. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS

Rodent control was undertaken by the North Bucks. Area Rodent Committee until March of this year when the Committee was discontinued and the work was transferred to the Council. A member of the Surveyor's outside staff was appointed to carry out this work, half his time being devoted to rodent work and half to other duties. Difficulty has been experienced in carrying out effective treatment due to the fact that the present operative has received no special training and is not a suitable person to receive training. It is hoped that in 1968 it may be possible to appoint a person better able to carry out these duties.

Towards the end of the year it became apparent that the rodent problem required greater attention and an endeavour is being made to carry out more block treatments. No sewer treatments were carried out during the year due to the fact that 'no takes' had been recorded.

8. PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL

An attendance of 23,399 swimmers and 4,430 spectators were recorded making a total of 27,829 persons who used this facility. The heating of the water was approved in principle but awaits more favourable economic circumstances.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act 1961.

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities /	6	NIL	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	25	NIL	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority / (Excluding outworkers' premises)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
T O T A L	31	NIL	NIL	NIL

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Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
nt of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
ercrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
ureasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
neffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Cons. (S.7)					
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
ther offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L	-	-	-	-	-

Part 8 of the Act
Outwork (Section 133, 134)

No outworkers were notified in the August list required by Section 133, and there have been no cases of default in sending lists to this Council, or prosecutions for failure to supply lists.

